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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1427

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ZA

SUBJ: SOUTHERN PROVINCE BOMB BLAST

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: BOMB EXPLOSION RIPPED APART
OFFICE OF SOUTHERN PROVINCE MINISTER MUTEMBA AUGUST 6
KILLING MINISTER'S PERSONAL SECRETARY JANE MASWAYA.
INJURED IN ADJACENT OFFICES WERE PROVINCE PERMSEC ILUTE
YETA, REGIONAL INFORMATION OFFICER COSTAIN MWEEMBA,
AND SOUTHERN PROVINCE POLICE CHIEF ERNEST NYIRENDA.
INVESTIGATION WHICH BEGAN AUT 7 HAS SO FAR GIVEN NO
INDICATION WHO MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE. EXPLOSION TOOK
PLACE WHILE MUTEMBA IN LUSAKA.

2. IN WAKE OF BLAST, PRESIDENT KAUNDA POSTPONED
INDEFINITELY SOUTHERN PROVINCE TOUR BEGINNING AUT 8.
KAUNDA WAS TO HAVE ADDRESSED PARTY, TRIBAL AND GOVERNMENT
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LEADERS IN LIVINGSTONE, KALOMO, CHOMA, GWEMBE,

NAMWALA, AND MAZABUKA AS PART OF EFFORT BRING ANC INTO UNIP PEACEFULLY. CONCURRENTLY, LIVINGSTONE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT SAMUNDENGO ANNOUNCED POSTPONEMENT OF DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

3. PRESS REACTION DEPLORES KILLINGS AND CALLS FOR GREATER VIGILANCE SINCE "THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE ARE BOUND TO INCREASE CAMPAIGN OF TERROR" AS UNIP'S MULUNGUSHI CONFERENCE DRAWS NEARER. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: PRESIDENT'S SON TOLD EMBOFF AUG 8 THAT POLICE HAVE NO LEADS YET. BOMB BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED IN PARCEL TAKEN DIRECTLY TO MINISTER'S OFFICE. BULK OF PRIVATE SPECULATION HAS CENTERED ON POSSIBILITY BLAST WAS WORK OF SMALL OPPOSITION GROUP BUT PUBLIC, INCLUDING PRESS, COMMENT REFERS ONLY TO "ENEMIES." LEADING CANDIDATES WOULD BE EX-ANC MEMBERS DISGRUNTLED BY RECENT NKUMBULA-KAUNDA RECONCILIATION (LUSAKA 1195), OR FORMER UPP MEN SEEKING DISRUPT ANC/UNIP REUNIFICATION NOW IN PROGRESS. LIBERATION GROUP TOLD EMBOFF AUT 7 THEY FELT IT A POSSIBILITY BOMB CAME FROM LOCAL DISSIDENTS RATHER THAN FROM SOUTH. END CONFIDENTIAL.NELSON

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